HOUSE No. 1050

By Ms. Spiliotis of Peabody, petition of Joyce A. Spiliotis and others relative to the policy of parental notification of human sexual education in public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Joyce A. Spiliotis Paul Kujawski Emile J. Goguen Marie J. Parente Robert L. Hedlund Philip Travis Richard T. Moore **Shirley Gomes** Daniel K. Webster Robert S. Hargraves Viriato Manuel deMacedo Bruce J. Ayers Jeffrey Davis Perry Shirley Owens-Hicks Brian Paul Golden James R. Miceli

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PARENTAL NOTICE AND CONSENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 71, section 32A of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended to be the following:—
- 3 Section 32A. Every city, town, regional school district or voca-
- 4 tional school district implementing or maintaining curriculum or
- 5 portion thereof, or school sanctioned program or activity, which
- 6 primarily involves a human sexual education, human sexuality
- 7 issues, or sexual orientation issues shall adopt a written policy
- 8 ensuring parental/guardian notification.
- 9 All such curriculum, programs, and activities shall be offered
- 10 only in clearly identified non-mandatory elective courses in which
- 11 parents or guardians may choose to enroll their children through
- 12 written notification to the school, in a manner reasonably similar
- 13 to other elective courses offered by the school district.

- 14 To the extent practicable, instruction materials and related
- 15 items for said curriculum, programs, and activities shall be made
- 16 reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educators, school
- 17 administrators, and others for inspection and preview.
- No public school teacher or administrator shall be required to
- 19 participate in any such curriculum, programs, or activities that
- 20 violate his or her religious beliefs.